

STOCKTON RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL

Annual Report of the Medical
Officer of Health, incorporating
the report of the Chief Public
Health Inspector, for the year
ended 31st December, 1970.



Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present my report for the year ended
31st December, 1970.

1. BIRTHS

There were 240 births, (14 of them illegitimate) giving a
crude birth rate per 1,000 population of 16.5 with a
locally adjusted birth rate of 16.7. Stillbirths - rate
per thousand total births: 4.

2. DEATHS

There were 115 deaths during this period, details of which
are given more fully later in this report. The crude death
rate per thousand population is 7.9 with a locally adjusted
death rate of 9.0.

3. INFECTIOUS DISEASES

Cases Notified

Measles	23
Tuberculosis	1
Scarlet Fever	3
Infective Hepatitis	1
Shigella Sonne Dysentery	1
	<u>29</u>

Age Group of Attacks

	under 1	1-2	2-3	3-4	4-5	5-10	10-15	15-20	20-35	35-45	over 45
Measles	1	4	3	7	3	4	1				
Tuberculosis										1	
Scarlet Fever					1	2					
Infective Hepatitis								1			
Shigella Sonne Dysentery											1

4. CAUSES OF DEATHS

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B19(1)	Malignant Neoplasm, buccal cavity	2	-
B19(2)	Malignant Neoplasm, Oesophagus	2	-
B19(3)	Malignant Neoplasm, Stomach	-	3
B19(4)	Malignant Neoplasm, Intestine	1	2
B19(6)	Malignant Neoplasm, Lung, Bronchus	2	1
B19(7)	Malignant Neoplasm, Breast	-	1
B19(10)	Leukaemia	-	1
B19(11)	Other Malignant Neoplasms	1	3
B21	Diabetes Mellitus	-	1
B46(1)	Other Endocrine, etc. Diseases	1	-
B28	Ischaemic Heart Disease	17	8
B29	Other Forms of Heart Disease	4	4
B30	Cerebrovascular Disease	8	13

<u>CAUSES OF DEATHS (CONTD.)</u>		M	F
B46(6)	Other Diseases of Circulatory System	4	3
B31	Influenza	-	1
B32	Pneumonia	5	4
B33(1)	Bronchitis and Emphysema	7	-
B46(7)	Other Diseases of Respiratory System	-	1
B34	Peptic Ulcer	1	-
B42	Congenital Anomalies	-	1
B43	Birth Injury, Difficult Labour, etc.	1	1
B44	Other Causes of Perinatal Mortality	2	-
BE47	Motor Vehicle Accidents	1	3
BE48	All Other Accidents	3	1
BE49	Suicide and Self-Inflicted Injuries	<u>1</u>	<u>-</u>
		<u>63</u>	<u>52</u>

5. EXTRACTS FROM VITAL STATISTICS

Estimated mid-year population of your district: 14,510.

Mental Health

(a) Number Registered as mentally disordered	18
(b) Number under supervision	15
(c) Number in hospital	3

Blind Persons

On 31st December there were six males and ten females on the register of blind persons.

Midwifery and Home Nursing

Births Attended by County Midwives

(a) Total births (live and still)	31
(b) Cases attended as Midwife and Nurse	31
(c) Hospital patients discharged home before 10th day	137
(d) Total cases attended	168

District Nurses - Visits

	<u>Cases</u>	<u>Visits</u>
(a) Medical Cases	119	2344
(b) Surgical Cases	34	638
(c) Tuberculosis	Nil	22
(d) Maternal Complications	2	10

Deaths of Infants

	M	F	<u>Total</u>
Under 1 year of age	3	2	5
Under 4 weeks of age	3	2	5
Under 1 week of age	3	1	4

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6. SUMMARY OF WORK DONE BY WOMEN'S ROYAL VOLUNTARY SERVICE

Meals delivered on a 4 day week rota to
21 recipients - Egglescliffe and Preston area 2575

Meals delivered on a 2 day week rota to
12 recipients - Stillington area 1152

All meals recipients in the Egglescliffe and Preston area were given a Christmas present of ten shillings instead of the usual parcel, to enable the recipients to obtain what they preferred.

7. WATER SUPPLY

Water distributed throughout the area both by the Tees Valley and Cleveland Water Board and the Hartlepoons Water Company was sampled and found to be of satisfactory purity.

8. SEWAGE DISPOSAL

There were nine sewage works in operation throughout the district and although tests upon the final effluent from three failed to comply with the Royal Commission standards during the early part of the year this had been remedied by increasing the maintenance on each works and later samples proved to be satisfactory.

The sewage from Wolviston and Newton Bewley is discharged into the Teesside County Borough sewerage system and only Elton village is not serviced by main sewers and has to rely on septic tank installations.

The new works at Carlton became operational during December, taking over from the overloaded works at Carlton village and Redmarshall, but have not as yet been officially adopted by this Council.

The labour force consisted of four men operating two Land Rovers and two trailer pumps.

9. THE HOUSING ACT, 1957

There have been three demolition and one closing order served on owners of property within the area during the past year.

10. HOUSING ACT, 1969

There have been sixteen applications for standard grants approved by the Council during the year, averaging £143, with a total of £1863-50.

Discretionary Grants

There were thirty five applications for grant approved by the Council during the year at an average of £306 per grant, totalling £10,723.

11. MEAT INSPECTION

There are two private slaughterhouses within the district and during the year 330 beast, 845 sheep and 37 pigs were inspected.

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RODENT CONTROL

There were seventy-two treatments for rat infestations and seven for mice made during the year. The annual sewer treatment showed that there were slight infestations in Eggescliffe, Redmarshall, Thorpe Thewles, Stillington, Greatham, Hart and Elwick but these were cleared by appropriate methods.

One farm was treated for the eradication of rodents and the cost recharged to the owner.

13.

OFFICES, SHOPS AND RAILWAY PREMISES

TABLE A			
REGISTRATIONS AND GENERAL INSPECTIONS			
Class of Premises	Number of premises newly registered during the year	Total number of registered premises at end of year	Number of registered premises receiving one or more general inspections during the year
Offices	1	14	4
Retail Shops	-	25	12
Wholesale shops, warehouses	-	5	1
Catering establishments open to the public, canteens	-	12	2
Fuel storage depots	-	1	-
TOTALS	1	57	19

14.

REFUSE COLLECTION

Although there have been minor problems the refuse collection service has been maintained efficiently by the two refuse teams.

Each team consists of five men including a driver and having a working stint for the whole week which allows all premises to be serviced once a week.

There are three refuse collection vehicles, two being in continuous use and the third available in case of breakdown and periodic servicing.

15.

I wish to thank the Committee for their invaluable help and support, also the staff and other officials, both in the Rural District and the County, for their assistance.

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